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Dear Donna Shalala,

We urge you to please act on the HFA petition to initiate a nationwide program to document the incidents of CJD-like diseases. Referred to HFA vs. HHS.

Transmissible Sponiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) are killing people, deer, elk, and sheep in the U.S. TSEs are a mysterious class of diseases that are called by different names in different species.

Some identified types of TSEs are Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (nvCJD) which is a human disease apparently caused by the same agent which causes bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or mad cow disease.

The common characteristic of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) is that they are invariably fatal. They can be transmitted to humans through exposure to contaminated human growth hormone, corneal transplants, the use of dura mater in transplants, the use of infected probes, and possibly through blood.

A major route of transmission occurs through ingestion of the infectious agent, such as eating infected meat. The agent does not trigger an immune response. The doomed animal or human appears to be in perfectly normal health for a significant portion of their lifetime.

Later, the disease emerges as holes and amyloid plaque material spreading in the brain, causing symptoms of dementia (which routinely appears to be Alzheimer's Disease), physical failure, and death.

After learning all this, it is not shocking that people don't eat meat anymore. We urge you to please act on the HFA petition to initiate a nationwide program to document the incidents of CJD-like diseases.

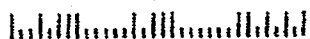
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